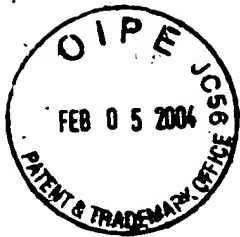


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003, in the above-identified patent application. **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **REMARKS / ARGUMENTS** begin on page 8 of this paper.

Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time. Please charge the requisite fee in the amount of \$55 to cover the petition fee for a one-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3) to our Deposit Account No. 50-1133. With this extension, the new period for response is due on February 2, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-1133.